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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,011,674 issued April 30, 1991 to Yoshimoto et al.
- 2. European Patent Application No. EP 1 125 636 A1 published August 22, 2001.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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